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SUBJECT: QUEST FOR CLEARANCE FOR RESEARCH PROJECT TO  
BE CONDUCTED IN COSTA RICA

1. TWO YEARS AGO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE  
CONTRACTED WITH THE CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA FOR A STUDY OF THE MEDICAL AND  
SOCIOCULTURAL EFFECTS OF MARIHUANA SMOKING IN COSTA RICA,  
A COUNTRY IN WHICH HEAVY USE OF MARIHUANA WAS COMMON BUT  
UNCONTAMINATED BY THE USE OF OTHER STREET DRUGS PREVALENT  
IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. SINCE THEN, ADDITIONAL FINDINGS BY OTHER RESEARCHERS  
HAVE MADE IT DESIRABLE TO COLLECT BLOOD SAMPLES AGAIN FROM  
THE ORIGINAL GROUPS OF SUBJECTS FOR SUBSEQUENT ANALYSIS IN  
THE UNITED STATES.

3. DR. RICHARD STILLMAN OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG  
ABUSE AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN  
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STUDIES ARE PLANNING TO SPEND APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS IN  
SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA IN LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL. THE  
PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO OBTAIN BLOOD SAMPLES FROM SUBJECTS  
OF THE ORIGINAL STUDY ON MARIHUANA USE CONDUCTED BY THE  
CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES LAST YEAR.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY CONCURRENCE.  
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